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1. JP 2001-320227

2. JP 2001-68458
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4. JP 2000-195698
5. JP 7-65993
6. JP 10-335095
7. JP 11-40396
8. JP 2003-204237

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